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To: Senator Duff, Representative Reed and Members of the Energy and Technology Committee

From: Andy Bauer, Portland Clean Energy Task Force Chair

Re: In Support of HB 5412, An Act Concerning Shared Clean Energy Facilities.

Allowing residents to invest in a shared renewable system at one location and then receive full credit for their portion of the electricity generated is a simple and necessary idea.

In the hundreds of hours I have spent tabling and presenting for the SolarizeCT program specifically and for solar power in general, two things have become clear:

- 1) Everyone wants the cost savings renewable energy brings, and
- 2) Not everyone's site is suitable for an on-site energy system

This bill bridges that divide nicely, not only for solar but also for other renewables. Please support it.

Many Thanks,

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